

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1258

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ariel Elizabeth Stearnes,
2010 Valedictorian of Perry County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ariel Elizabeth Stearnes is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at Perry County High School (PCHS); and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ariel has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ariel has earned an exemplary 3.9655 grade point average while participating in a number of activities, including Beta Club, Journalism, TTRM, FCCLA, Math Club, sports, reading, and mentoring; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a representative for PCHS in English, Math, and History contests at Columbia State and Freed-Hardeman University and as a Co-Editor of the annual; she has also found time to earn twelve semester hours of college credit through dual enrollment; and

WHEREAS, Ariel's commitment to achieving academic distinction has been honored with Honors Awards for English, Advanced Math, Economics, Pre-Calculus, Contemporary Studies, Spanish II, and Geometry; first place in the MLEC Essay Contest in Washington, D.C.; selection as National Leadership Conference Scholar in Washington, D.C.; and acceptance into Honors programs at numerous universities; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a Mentorship Spokesperson in DVD production and made a guest appearance with Charlie Chase on the Fox TV network; and

WHEREAS, a young woman of devout faith, Ariel is an active member of the Linden Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Ariel's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at Valdosta State University; and

WHEREAS, Ariel's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Najie Stearnes and Bobby Stearnes; her grandparents, Joe and Elizabeth Tiller; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ariel Stearnes's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2010 Perry County High School Valedictorian, Ariel Elizabeth Stearnes, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.